Purity, Dating and Courtship Resource List

**Family Life** [http://store.familylife.com](http://store.familylife.com)

**Passport 2 Purity** – Dennis and Barbara Rainey

**Parenting Today’s Adolescent** – Dennis and Barbara Rainey

**Interviewing Your Daughter’s Date** – Dennis Rainey

**Raising a Modern-Day Knight** – Robert Lewis

**How and When to Tell Your Kids About Sex** - Stan and Brenna Jones

**God’s Design for Sex** – resource pack

- Book #1: **Story of Me** (ages 3-5) – Stan and Brenna Jones
- Book #2: **Before I Was Born** (ages 5-8) – Carolyn Nystrom
- Book #3: **What’s the Big Deal** – Why God Cares About Sex (ages 8-11) – Stan and Brenna Jones
- Book #4: **Facing the Facts** – The Truth About Sex and You (ages 11-14) – Stan and Brenna Jones

**Josh McDowell Ministries:** [http://www.josh.org](http://www.josh.org)

**Why True Love Waits** – Be prepared with answers and solutions to your kids’ struggles to resist sexual pressure and remain pure in today’s promiscuous society.

**The Love Killer** – In this fascinating novel Josh helps young people sort out the truth from the lies about sex and discover God’s plan for their love life.

**Finding True Love Devotional Journal** – Through the aid of a gripping fictional story within a 30-day devotional, Josh offers biblical insights and practical instruction on how to define true love the way God does.

**Jeff Barth – Parable Publishing House (Used copies available at [http://www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))**

**Old Fashioned Courtship and How it Works** – Covers the topic of Why Courtship. Details the phases of Courtship including Pre-Courtship, Courtship and Engagement giving practical tips as well as examples from the experiences of his two sons and their future brides. Jeff Barth – Parable Publishing House

**THSC (Texas Home School Coalition)** [http://www.thsc.org](http://www.thsc.org)

**Courtship: One Family’s Perspective (DVD)** – Join Tim and Lyndsay Lambert, and their son, Peter, and his wife, Rita, as they talk about the different ideas and theories about courtship that are circulating in the home school community. They cover the definition of courtship (from their perspective), the fathers’ roles, and preparation on the part of the young people. Peter and Rita then share the story of their own courtship.
Preparing Your Children For COURTSHIP and MARRIAGE: From Toddlers to Teens — 7 CD set — How do parents accidentally lead their children into sexual impurity? This tape series exposes for parents which practices of modern dating contribute to sexual promiscuity and build a foundation for unstable marriages. It offers a plan for shaping children’s sexual and romantic values from the time they are young. Especially valuable for parents of young children. (Free syllabus available on download page http://www.familyministries.com/syllabi.htm) 7-disc CD $39 6-disc DVD set $80

DATING: Is it worth the risk? by Reb Bradley – Booklet...There is a recent trend in the area of premarital romance to move away from modern dating and return to the tradition of parent-involved “courtship.” This rejection of dating seems too radical for some, but because 20th century dating is linked to increased sexual promiscuity and a growing divorce rate, conscientious parents will welcome this eye-opening examination of modern dating practices and their effects on children.

Her Hand in Marriage by Douglas Wilson — book While Reb’s tapes make a thorough presentation on courtship, this book offers a concentrated study on the biblical role of parents in the process.

Joshua Harris http://www.joshharris.com

I Kissed Dating Goodbye – His first book. Also available is a DVD series of messages in front of a live audience addressing the topics of this book.

Boy Meets Girl – Josh’s second book. He wrote this AFTER he was married answering the many questions he received about the first book.

Not Even a Hint: Guarding Your Heart Against Lust. – This book discusses a very, um, sensitive issue that most parents are going to have a hard time talking to their teens about. Still it’s worth getting past the discomfort and reading this book. Appropriate for a teen vs. a pre-teen. You may wish to pre-screen it.

Elisabeth Elliot http://www.elisabethelliot.org

Passion and Purity – Very few books on dating have stood the test of time like Passion and Purity. Its much-needed message remains strong and hopeful in an age when doing whatever “feels right” is common practice. Using her own life as an example, Elisabeth Elliot guides singles of both genders and of any age on how to put their love lives under the authority of Jesus Christ. Passion and Purity covers dating issues such as: how to know which person is the right one to marry loving passionately while remaining sexually pure the man’s and woman’s role in relationships putting God’s desires ahead of personal desires how far is too far, physically...
This best-selling book now has a new cover, an updated interior design, and a foreword from popular author Joshua Harris.

**Quest For Love** – In QUEST FOR LOVE, the companion to PASSION AND PURITY, Elisabeth Elliot shares many of the letters she has received from her readers. She responds to their confusion and heartfelt needs with sound, biblical guidance. She dusts off “antiquated” concepts such as commitment, integrity, honor, and servanthood and applies them to dating and singleness today. Intertwined with the questioning letters are hopeful stories of how men and women discovered love through God’s direction. As you read their honest revelations, you’ll be able to “discern the better way” by discovering what happened when they put their love life under the authority of Jesus Christ.

Shannon Ethridge (Available at [http://www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com))

**Every Young Woman’s Battle** – “Shannon writes with a direct, forthright style, yet she remains tactful and kind as she presents her balanced, godly teaching on dating and relationships. Without question, this is a must-read for any young woman who longs to remain pure in her relationship with God, and I suspect this book will very quickly become a staple of small-group studies.”-Fred Stoeker, coauthor of Every Young Man’s Battle.

**Every Woman’s Battle** – “There is a common, almost Victorian, myth that women don’t really struggle with sexual sin. That myth causes many women to feel a double-shame. The shame of struggling sexually is compounded by the assumption that few, if any, women share the same battle. Shannon Ethridge artfully and boldly unveils the war and offers women a way to enter the battle with courage, hope, and grace. Every Woman’s Battle will help both men and women comprehend the glorious beauty and sensuality of holiness. This is a desperately needed book.”-Dr. DAN B. ALLENDER, president of Mars Hill Graduate School and author of The Healing Path.

Stephen Arterburn [http://www.christianbook.com]

**Every Young Man’s Battle** – In this world you’re surrounded by sexual images that open the door to temptation. They’re everywhere-on TV, billboards, magazines, music, the internet-and so easy to access that it sometimes feels impossible to escape their clutches. Yet God expects his children to be sexually pure. So how can you survive the relentless battle against temptation? Here’s powerful ammunition.

Steve Arterburn and Fred Stoeker, the authors of the hard-hitting best-seller *Every Man’s Battle*, now focus on the temptations young single Christian men like you face every day—and they offer workable, biblical strategies for achieving sexual purity.

The authors examine the standard of Ephesians 5:3—“there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality”—in a positive and sensitive light. And they explain how an authentic, vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to victory over temptation. Every Young Man’s Battle will show you how to train your eyes and your mind, how to clean up your thought life, and how to develop a realistic battle plan for remaining pure in today’s sexually soaked culture. As a result, you’ll experience hope—real hope—for living a strong, pure life God’s way.
**Every Man’s Battle** – This amazing book has a step by step battle plan like nothing you’ve ever read before. I’ve read many other books on this subject, but most of them deal with the reasons “why” sexual temptation is such a struggle. That is helpful to a certain extent, but this book is different. It is an ACTION book! It doesn’t just talk about the “why,” it gives you the “HOW!” Imagine not being overwhelmed by a barrage of mental images. Imagine becoming the person on the inside that you’ve been trying to portray on the outside. Imagine having no regrets and a new relationship between you and God. Imagine actually WINNING the battle. Only three weeks have passed since I read this book and my life is forever changed. I’m ordering 6 more copies for people I love, because this really is EVERY man’s battle.


**How to Evaluate a Suitor** (CD) Biblical Wisdom for Fathers, Mothers, Eligible Daughter, and Would-Be Grooms

**Sleeping Beauty and the Five Questions** (CD)- In *Sleeping Beauty and the Five Questions*, Doug Phillips challenges fathers on the importance of guarding their daughters’ hearts at all costs, how to shield them from the pressures of a peer-oriented society and inappropriate romantic relationships, and how to prepare them as a bride – a godly young woman of purity for the young man of their dreams whom God is preparing. Approx. 1 hr. on Compact Disc.

Sarah Mally [http://www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**Before You Meet Prince Charming** How can young people be committed to purity and to God’s best? This guide to radiant purity combines the story of a young princess with solid, clear teaching of biblical convictions that young ladies today need to grasp. Through a captivating fairy tale, modern day examples, practical instruction, and abundant humor, Sarah Mally challenges young ladies to turn to the Lord for fulfillment, to guard their hearts and minds, to identify and avoid the world’s thinking, and to shine brightly in this generation. Beall Phillips writes, “Every young lady desiring to be married one day must read this book! It will challenge you; it will stir you; it will delight you! Most importantly, it will help you practically prepare for one of the most important decisions of your life.” Suggested for young ladies ages 12 and up.

Sarah Mally [http://www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**The Princess and the Kiss** – A loving king and queen present their daughter with a gift from God – her first kiss – to keep or to give away. Amidst a culture that mocks purity and virtue, give your daughters a story book that beautifully portrays the value of purity and the rewards of waiting on God’s timing. By Jennie Bishop. Hardback. 30 pages (Picture book for young girls.)

**The Squire and the Scroll**- This captivating adventure follows a young squire who travels a long, dangerous road beside his brave knight, on a quest for their king. The action builds until the final face-off with the monstrous, evil dragon. Only then does the squire learn of the secret beyond the cave that ends in a joyous celebration for the entire kingdom. Children will gain valuable insight as they learn, along with the young squire, what it means to face the dangers of
temptation, and what it takes to guard one’s heart from all that is impure. (Picture book for young boys).

The Ludys

**When God Writes Your Love Story** – Eric and Leslie Ludy

**Authentic Beauty** by Leslie Ludy

**Teaching True Love to a Sex-at-13 Generation** Eric and Leslie Ludy

**Secret Keeper: The Delicate Power of Modesty** – by Dannah Gresh – Brilliantly unlocks the mystery of modesty and shows how you can protect the true secrets of your body for a quality guy who’ll appreciate them. (ages 10 and up)

**And the Bride Wore White** by Dannah Gresh- a book written for young women (teen and up)

**Beautiful Girlhood** by Karen Andreola First penned decades ago, this classic primer for becoming ladylike has been gently edited and improved with today’s conservative Christian girls in mind—though the elegant prose and timeless morals remain the same. Preteens will learn about friendship, modesty, honesty, ambition, and much more. (ages 10-12)

**PURE**-Rebecca St. James. A devotional about your relationship with God.

**I, Isaac, Take Thee Rebekah** by Ravi Zaharias

**Lifepac Foundations for Living Elective Set** by Alpha Omega Publications addresses dating and courtship.

**Lady in Waiting Becoming God’s best While Waiting for Mr. Right** – Jackie Kendall and Debby Jones. Appropriate for your college student and single adult.

**Choose God’s Best – Wisdom for Life Long Romance** – Dr. Don Rannikar Appropriate for a single adult.